(b) if so, on what date the property was sold, the date on which notice was issued by the Ministry and the date on which reply was received and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No notice for acquisition of property 61, Kailash Apartments has been issued against the present owner of the premises on the ground that the property was under-valued at the time of sale.

(d) Does not arise.

Monthly Rent of Regional Office of Allahabad Bank at Varanasi

2009. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Regional Office of Allahabad Bank was started at Varanasi in 1981 in Maldahiya locality by taking on rent a building at the rate of Rs. 2.35 per sq. ft. on 5 years lease;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof:

(c) whether it is also a fact that the office was shifted in 1983 to Nadesar and if so, on what monthly rent and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any amount was advanced by the bank to the owner of the building of Nadesar branch and if so, how much and what are the terms and conditions of the advance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that its Regional Office at Varanasi started functioning in rented premises in Maldahiya, Varanasi on 11.7.81. The premises comprising an area of 2300 sq. ft. were taken by the Bank on lease for 4 years at a rent of Rs. 3770|- per month with option to renew the lease for another 3 years with 15 per cent increase in rent.

(c) According to Bank, the premises in Maldahiya were found inadequate with the gradual expansion of branches and increase in the volume of work of the Regional Office. Further due to locational disadvantage it was becoming growingly difficult for the Regional Office to effectively supervise the functioning of its branches. Therefore, the Bank shifted its Regional Office to a more convenient location and better premises in Nadesar in 1983. The New premises in Nadesar consist of 3358 sq. ft. on the ground floor and 5278 sq.ft. on the first floor. The rent payable for both the floors is Rs. 29,265|- per month. The lease is for 15 years with 15 per cent increase in rent after every five years.

(d) An amount equivalent to 30 months rent has been advanced by the Bank to the owner of the premises in Nadesar on the following terms:

(i) Pronote.

(ii) Money consideration Receipt.

(iii) An irrevocable undertaking from the landlord assigning 50 per cent of the monthly rent towards liquidation of advance. The oan attracts interest @ 15 per cent and will be liquidated within 10 years.

A deposit equivalent to three months' rent adjustable against rent due for the first three months after the expiry of initial tenancy period of 5 years has also been kept with the landlord by the Bank.

Complaints against Doordarshan and AIR by State of West Bengal

2010. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 2632 dated the March 19, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the specific allegations received by his Ministry from West Bengal against news broadcast by Doordarshan during the period from September, 1986 to March, 1987; and

(b) what action if any has been or is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) As a news organisation, Doordarshan adheres to the policy guidelines laid down by the Advisory Committee on official media and presents news/programmes in an objective, balanced and factual manner. Allegations against the news broadcast by the electronic media are carefully looked into. Such allegations received from West Bengal have been found to be without basis.

Details of allegations received from West Bengal during September 1986 to March 1987 and comments thereon are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

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1	Statement of Congress (I) leaders get more prominence over TV vis-a-vis those of Left Front and State Ministers.	There is a clear directive that only the Polit Bureau or the Left Front Committee are to issue press statements. State Government leaders or their spokesmen are reluctant to get in touch with Media. In such a situation, it is not possible for Media to take notice of important statements of Left Front Leaders. Specific instances of discrimination against mass organisations have not been indicated. In any case CITU gets enough coverage in the news.
2	Left Front Chairman in three statements declared that when State Govt. demanded Rs. 272 crores for flood relief, the Centre till date paid only Rs. 8 crores. None of these statements had been televised.	The statements of Chairman of Left Front was not covered as it was not readily available, but Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta covered the statements of Chief Minister wherein he demanded Rs. 272 crores for flood relief on 1st December, 1986.
3	The Prime Minister's statistics of financial grant and sanction to west Bengal are announced on TV day after day while the Chief Minister's contradiction was not mentioned even once.	Statement of Left Front Chairman has been covered on 10-12-1986, containing the contradiction of the Left Front Government, Chief Minister's statement regarding Centre's apathy to West Bengal had also been covered on various occasions.
4	Regarding Second Channel of TV for Calcutta the remarks that it cannot be given for teaching Marxism is rediculous.	This Ministry is not aware as to who has made such remarks. The Government's views on the 2nd channel to be operated by the State Government are well known.
5	Non telecast of news regarding convening of West Bengal Assembly.	Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta had telecast the news regarding the summoning of the budget session of State Assembly on 10-2-1987 and on 26-2-1987 the news regarding summoning State Assembly was telecast in detail.
6	Non coverage of news regarding postponement of Secondary examination in West Bengal and not allowing the State Minister incharge of School Education to explain the circumstances leading to the postponement of examination over TV.	News regarding postponement of Secondary Examinations in West Bengal was adequately covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta. The request of the Minister of Education of West Bengal for a personal telecast could not be acceded to in view of the directive issued

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		by the Election Commission not to project any political personality, particularly a candidate after the election notification. As his request could not be acceded to, the Director of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta had conveyed the message that Education Secretary or President of the Board of Secondary Education could talk instead of the Minister. The Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta had headlined the news regarding the postponement of Secondary Examination on 24-2-1987. The news quoted Shri Kanti Biswas, State Minister of Secondary Education which mentioned looting of question papers at Mirik (Darjeeling) as the cause of postponement. The Statement of Chief Minister at Midnapore was telecast on 25-2-1987 in which it was mentioned that decision of the said examination due to loot was taken at Cabinet level. In addition announcements regarding postponement of examination was telecast twice on 25-2-1987 and once each on 26-2-1987 and 27-2-1987.

Boycott of AIR and Doordarshan for Election Propaganda

2011. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the ruling Left Front in West Bengal boycotted the All India Radio and Doordarshan for election propaganda during the recent Assembly elections in West Bengal;

(b) what was the nature of complaint of the Left Front against these official media; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take against these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ruling Left Front in West Bengal boycotted the pre-election party political broadcast by All India Radio and TV because their complaint was that the two official media were either blacking out news about Left Front or distorting them.

(c) The complaints were examined and it was found that they have had no basis and found to be incorrect.

Settlement of claims by Life Insurance Corporation, Kanpur

2012. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation, Kanpur in most of the death claim cases had delayed disposal;

(b) whether various claimants of death claims arising out of the accepted proposals have been representing to Life Insurance Corporation of India, Kanpur without any solution;

(c) whether such claimants under 'Jeevan Mitra' schemes have also been denied full settlement of death claims on the plea of provision of clause 4b of Life Insurance Corporation of India, Kanpur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and